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Thirteenth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions of the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002 (A/C.5/57/13). During its consideration of the report, the Committee met with representatives of the Secretary-General, who provided additional information.

2. As indicated in paragraph 19 of the report, the estimated requirements for the biennium 2002-2003 arising from the resolutions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 2002 amount to $1,866,300, of which $1,266,400 could be absorbed, leaving a requirement for appropriation of $599,900. The estimated additional requirements relate to Economic and Social Council decisions 2002/224 on the resumed 2002 session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations, 2002/257 on the effects of structural adjustment policies and foreign debt on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights, 2002/270 on racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, 2002/281 on the organization of the work of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights and 2002/285 on the second session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

3. The Advisory Committee notes the descriptions of the Economic and Social Council decisions provided in the report of the Secretary-General and the explanations of additional requirements arising from those decisions. As indicated in paragraph 20 of the report of the Secretary-General, such additional expenditures are to be dealt with in the context of the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987 for the operation of the contingency fund. In accordance with those procedures, the Secretary-General will be presenting a consolidated statement of

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programme budget implications and revised estimates to the General Assembly prior to the conclusion of the first part of the fifty-seventh session of the Assembly. The Advisory Committee will revert to this matter in the context of its consideration of that statement.